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SUBJ: MISSING PERSONS IN CYPRUS

ANKARA FOR THE SECRETARY'S PARTY

1. AMBASSADOR JOHN TZOUNIS, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLITI-
CAL AFFAIRS AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE, JUST TELEPHONED ME
ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM BITSIOS, WHO HAD RECEIVED AN
INQUIRY FROM ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS CONCERNING THE MISSING
PERSONS IN CYPRUS. SPECIFICALLY, MAKARIOS WANTED TO
KNOW IF BITSIOS HAD ASKED THE SECRETARY TO RAISE THIS
PROBLEM DURING HIS CURRENT VISIT TO ANKARA.

2. ACCORDING TO TZOUNIS THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY TWO
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THOUSAND GREEK CYPRIOTS STILL MISSING, AND THEIR

RELATIVES DO NOT KNOW WHERE THEY ARE OR WHETHER THEY ARE ALIVE OR DEAD. HE SAID THIS WAS, OF COURSE, A HUMANITARIAN AND NOT A POLITICAL PROBLEM BUT THAT IT WAS HIGHLY IMPORTANT IN CYPRUS.

3. BITSIOS WOULD PERSONALLY APPRECIATE IT IF THE SECRETARY TRIED TO FIND SOME APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY AT LEAST TO MENTION THIS PROBLEM IN PASSING AND EXPRESS SOME CONCERN ABOUT IT. IF THE SECRETARY FELT HE COULD ALSO SUGGEST TO THE TURKS THAT THEY TRY AND WORK OUT SOME ARRANGEMENTS TO FACILITATE THE HANDLING OF INQUIRIES ABOUT THESE MISSING PERSONS IN CYPRUS, IT WOULD BE ALL TO THE GOOD. BITSIOS HOPES TO KNOW FOLLOWING THE SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE FROM ANKARA WHETHER HE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO MENTION THIS SO BITSIOS CAN RESPOND TO MAKARIOS.

4. I TOLD TZOUNIS THAT TIME WAS VERY SHORT AND IT SEEMED DOUBTFUL TO ME THAT I COULD GET A MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY IN TIME (TZOUNIS DID NOT WANT ME TO TELEPHONE ANKARA) FOR HIM TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER RAISING THIS POINT BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE. HOWEVER I SAID I WOULD SEND A MESSAGE ON IT AS FAST AS I COULD.
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